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SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA

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HOSPITAL OBSERVES FIRST ANNIVERSARY

More Purple Hearts Awarded to Patients

The citation and award of the Purple Heart Medal was presented to a group of 23 patients within the last week at this command. Captain Kennedy awarded the Purple Heart to three officers, namely, 2nd Lt. Richard P. Berry, USMCR, Lt. Comdr. Herschel E. Satterfield, USNR, and to Captain Emmet E. Harding, USMCR for wounds received in action against the enemy of the United States. Among the enlisted men receiving the Purple Heart Award are: Pfc. Tony Crisciwele, Cpl. Earl Van Vranken, Pfc. E. H. Halloway, Pfc. Louis Meredith, Cpl. E. B. Julius, Pfc. Donald J. Thompson, Pfc. Clayton L. Einsel, Pvt. Michael L. Kostic, Pvt. Isaac L. Griffith—all of the Marine Corps; and to the Navy men: F 1c David J. Peterson, S 1c Everett H. Dyal, Cox. W. H. McNeese, SM 1c Phillip Parkenson, MoMM 2c Edwin Hoikkala, RT 2c Warren L. Neiner, MoMM 1c Floyd J. Pysnik, MoMM 2c Harry E. Smith, S 2c R. L. Owens and ARM 3c Dean E. Spencer, Jr.

Message From Our Commanding Officer

Today represents a milestone in the annals of this hospital. As we celebrate this first anniversary each and every member of the Hospital Staff should feel proud of the splendid job which has been accomplished. I wish to extend my sincere congratulations and deepest gratitude for the cooperation and effort which you have extended to make this hospital one of the outstanding institutions in this country. The Hospital, with its superior staff and buildings, speaks for itself. The excellent care and outstanding results displayed in the patients' recovery are a tribute to your ability, loyalty and fidelity.

It is impossible to celebrate this date without paying tribute to Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, MC, USN, the Surgeon General of the United States Navy. It was due to his unusual foresight and complete understanding of the Naval Medical needs that this hospital was conceived. The untiring efforts and skill of Captain F. L. McDaniel, MC, USN, resulted in the firm foundation and careful organization of this hospital. From its inception, the care and treatment rendered to patients has been in keeping with the highest traditions of modern medicine. His successor, Captain A. A. Marsteller, MC, USN, with expert skill continued to guide the hospital, promulgating such changes necessary to increase the rehabilitation of the war casualties. Under his tenure many policies were formulated, and the skillful care of the patients was enhanced. The hospital has been extremely fortunate in having, since its commissioning, our Executive Officer, Captain W. F. E. Loftin, MC, USN, who has contributed greatly to the efficiency and management of this hospital.

With this foundation we should look to the future full of hope and with increased confidence. We will continue to serve our fellow men in keeping with the high standards and traditions which have been established. With your continued loyalty and efforts we will strive to support our country in this world crisis by restoring the patients' health to the best of our ability. With this ultimate goal constantly in mind, I wish to extend to each and every one of you my sincere best wishes.

—Captain W. F. Kennedy (MC) USN

Once a Barren Mountain Top—Now Site of Naval Hosp.

Once it was the barren top of a mountain. Today it is the modern and well equipped San Leandro Naval Hospital, now with one year marked up in the records.

Before this station became a reality, a wide-spread construction program had to be completed. The first chore facing the contractor was the lopping off of the mountain top before actual construction could begin. This was the job of the Monson Brothers, contractors, who started laying the foundation for the hospital buildings on 16 January 1944. At that time the center of hospital life was the old administration building where the swimming pool is now standing. If you were to ask the first corpsmen that reported to San Leandro for duty in January of 1944 just what their opinions of the place were, you'd probably have received a retort that would be mighty uncomplimentary to our hilltop home, for when they reported here, all they found was a levelled hilltop and a heavy downpour. This heavy rain, mixed with the San Leandro dust, forming a thick mud . . . so you see it's not difficult to understand a lack of enthusiasm for their "alma-mater" at that early date.

However, mud and rain didn't keep this hilltop hospital from being constructed in record time. The first corpsmen here found themselves in a role far different than that usually played by a member of the medical

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We're One Year Old Today!

The Station's Journal Undergoes Many Changes in First Year

A year ago today, a small 8-paged newspaper was distributed for the first time to the personnel of this station. Youthful as it was, the San Leandro Naval Hospital News had been very fortunate to begin with a letterpress style—"born with a silver spoon in its mouth" as the old saying goes, for most news sheets start as a one-paged mimeograph edition. However, under the expert guidance of Robert Shuman, an old hand in the newspaper business, the SLNH News took its form as an 8-paged, 3-columned journal with the production costs absorbed by the Welfare Fund.

A typical newsman, with a cigar protruding from one corner of his mouth, Bob Shuman busily "banged out" story after story on his typewriter for that first edition—as he "shut his ears" to the distractions of the bustling business in the Welfare and Recreation Office, the birthplace of our hospital's journal. The original staff included only one art editor, R. F. Thoman, PhM 2c and a sports edi-

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WAVES INSTRUCTING AT NAVAL ACADEMY

ANNAPOLIS (SEA)—For the first time in its history, the Naval Academy here has women instructors on its staff. Three Waves, specialists (T), are assigned to teaching midshipmen aerial navigation, using the link trainer.

ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM TODAY Wednesday, 15 August

MORNING —

1000 — Finals of Inter-Ward Softball Tournament.

AFTERNOON —

1330 — Outdoor Smoker — at Boxing Arena.
Band Numbers
Boxing and Wrestling Bouts
Specialty Acts

EVENING —

2000 — Staff Dance — in the Theatre.
Music by the famous Fleet City Naval Orchestra.
Floor Shows and Refreshments.

Weekly Fishing Trips Planned for Patients

The Welfare and Recreation Department announces that arrangements have been made with the Welfare Officer at the Naval Landing Equipment Depot at Albany for fifteen patients of the hospital to go salt-water fishing every Wednesday. The first trip is planned for Wednesday, 22 August. The group will leave here at 0900 and will fish out in the Bay from 1000 to 1500, returning to the hospital at approximately 1700. Equipment, bait and food will be furnished. For this special treat only those patients recommended by their ward medical officers will be considered. For further information consult the attendant at the service counter in the Reception Hall.

Congratulations!



Capt. Lawrence Gowan (MC) USNR

San Leandro, California, 6 August 1945—Today Doctor Gowan, Clinical Director and Chief of Neuro-Psychiatric Service at the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Leandro was promoted to the rank of Captain in the Medical Corps, U. S. Naval Reserve. Doctor Gowan was among the first to arrive at this hospital; having reported here before commissioning day on August 3, 1944.

Captain Gowan hails from Duluth, Minnesota. He joined the Medical Corps of the Naval Reserve in 1938, and was called to active duty in December of 1941. Prior to reporting here, he served at Bremerton and Seattle, Washington.

Congratulations and best wishes for his continued success in the Navy are heartily extended!

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Captain W. F. Kennedy, MC, USN
Commanding Officer

Captain W. F. E. Loftin, MC, USN
Executive Officer

ADVISORY BOARD

Captain L. R. Gowan, (MC) USNR
Lt. Comdr. W. McGaughey, (MC) USNR
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This paper receives Camp Newspaper Service.

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tor, L. J. Kovacicek, PhM 3c besides Bob himself.

Soon, however, the staff increased. WAVE Jane Barrett brought our WAVES to light in her popular column, "Ripples of the Waves;" Ensign Norma Laffin, NNC related the "antics" of the Nurses; and Dave Johnson made several contributions on "life with the corpsmen." A special welcome was extended to K. J. Christian, HA 2c for his clever "swabbie" cartoons and not to be forgotten was J. F. Vickers, PhM 1c who also made some definite art contributions.

Larger Size and New Masthead Improves Appearance of Paper

Just as this once barren mountain side had been transformed into a beautiful spot for this naval hospital, so the SLNH News had been transformed from a small sized journal to a larger, more interesting publication. The first issue was only seven by ten inches in size, with a masthead consisting of a very simple drawing of some rolling hillsides—probably in suggestion of the hilly countryside of this locality. Pictures were few in number, since we lacked both a photographer and camera at that time. Mats from CNS, personal pictures, pictures from local newspapers, and drawings were the chief forms of art used in the initial issues. On November 17 a definite improvement had been made with the adoption of a new masthead picturing

our hospital. This was drawn by a patient, C. E. Maxham, Sp (X) 1c.

In December, R. Shuman, the editor, was detached, and with a new editor came some new changes. Walter R. Burrows, the successor to the editorship, pointed out that the "make-up" and composition of the paper would be much easier if the paper would be enlarged in size—to four columns in width and four pages in length. Another noticeable change was the increased use of pictures, since we finally had obtained a camera.

After serving five months as editor, W. Burrows, received a medical discharge and was succeeded by our present WAVE editor, Shirley Weltz. Resultant changes in policy again occurred—with the new editor stressing more of the biographical and station's own news articles instead of being a general information medium. However, a happy medium has tried to be maintained by printing news of general interest to both patient and staff personnel.

Though we've had our ups and downs we have strived to give each and everyone of you a paper that will please you as well as inform you; a paper that will bring a little more joy into your life; a paper that you can feel is your own. As we go into our second volume we desire to express our gratitude for the cooperation and support we have received from our contributors and we earnestly beg their continued support. May we also extend our thanks to our advisory board for its help in keeping us on the "straight and narrow." Their assistance is sincerely appreciated, and we're hoping to keep their "head-aches" much more limited in this next year.

—SCW.

The Chaplain Remembers When—

On 29 April 1944, three months and sixteen days before commissioning, the first chaplain, your truly, reported to what the orders stipulated as being the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Leandro, California. Being in its formative stages the chaplain was invited to share in the communal atmosphere of the then intimate staff family, head-quartering in the cloistered atmosphere of the construction shack, located on the site of the swimming pool. Working busily and placidly therein was the Captain and his secretary, the Senior Administrative Officer and his secretary, the acting MAA, a few corpsmen acting as runners and—yes, in his Marine 'greens'—the chaplain, out of uniform.

The early days were not without such pleasantries as sloshing through the mud, huddling around the stove because of a climatic condition 'unusual to the bay area,' eating half of the Captain's sandwich (the Oak Knoll chow run being filled to capacity) and drinking 'wardroom' coffee invariably made, closely guarded and served by the Captain.

Parishioners being few in number, the chaplain was soon face to face with all that 'Stateside duty' implies. "From: MedOfCom. To: Chaplain—. 'You are hereby designated . . . Welfare and Recreation Officer . . . Education Officer . . . Navy Relief Officer'." What no Voting Officer? With the exception of Navy Relief, which service is currently rendered via the Chaplains' department, the additional duties were temporary, pending the reporting of Lt. Casey and Lt. Morgan, our Education and Welfare and Recreation Officer respectively.

Chaplain Donald S. Gallagher, reporting from the Chaplains' School at William and Mary, Va., completed the officer compliment of the department. The succeeding days, prior to 15 August 1944, found the chaplains holding forth in the doctor's office and treatment room in ward 16 until further authorization was given to occupy our present offices.

'Tempus fugit.' Our ranks were swelled by the coming of Betty Millholland and Joe Osment as assistants to the chaplains. Sent elsewhere on TAD orders, yours truly finally boomeranged, only to be informed that this time Chaplain Gallagher had received orders detaching him upon the arrival of his relief. Though he has contributed to this column on several occasions and is already the friend of many, we take this opportunity to introduce to you a very snappy and personable gentleman—our new Catholic Chaplain Edwin J. Paulmann.

If you have not done so before, pay us a visit on this the occasion of our First Anniversary.

Chaplain Gordon V. Tollefson

The Library in Review

By Ruth Softley

One year ago today you wouldn't have known the library as you see it now. There were no books, no furniture, in fact—"no nothing," with the exception of some large boxes filled with books to be put on the shelves.

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SAMMYANDRO GETS HIS FIRST GLIMPSE of the first issue of the SLNH News, that was distributed one year ago today.

PICTORIAL REVIEW



Nurses Corps in formation on Commissioning Day.



Captain F. L. McDaniel,
Hospital's first
Commanding Officer



Flag goes up for first time on Commissioning Day



Prominent Navy Wives --- Mrs. Chester W. Nimitz, wife of the famed Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, is shown with Mrs. Edgar Woods, wife of Rear Admiral, at the Commissioning Day Ceremony.



Charlie Petersen, World's Greatest Trick Shot Artist, thrills patients



Joe E. Brown entertains. Other celebrities to visit included Kay Kyser, Helen Hayes, Sophie Tucker and Una Merkle.



Patient's Square Dances are always popular. Swing dances for Patients, WAVES and Staff arranged.



The "Hilltoppers", the Hospital's representative Softball team, is a leader among Hospital teams in the 12th Naval District. Hospital Corpsmen and WAVES teams in Softball and Basketball.



Command changes - - - Captain A. A. Marsteller (left) being relieved by Captain W. F. Kennedy, April 16, 1945.



Outdoor Smoker



WAVES sing at Easter Service



Foreign delegate chats with patients at the United Nations Peace Conference in San Francisco.

THE LIBRARY IN REVIEW

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Since August of 1944, we have steadily added books periodicals and furniture, so that now it looks as a library should.

The library collection consists of 4460 volumes of fiction and non-fiction. The periodicals number 66 plus 14 daily newspapers from different cities in the United States. Most of our books come from Naval Supply Depot, as we receive a shipment from there every month. Aside from that we also have a separate allotment from the Welfare and Recreation funds to buy additional books every month. So you can see that your library is kept up to date on current books. The library shelves will hold 6500 books, and although we have come a long way, we still have a long way to go.

As most of you know, we librarians do not confine our activities entirely to the library, for we visit each ward twice a week with a book cart that is loaded with all types of books and magazines. Though this service is mainly for the bed-patients, anyone is welcome to select books or magazines from the book cart. Plenty of time is allowed to read a book—all of two weeks! And even then if you haven't finished the book, it may be renewed for another two weeks.

In case you have never visited your hospital library, why not do so now? We are open every day from 0800 to 2000 except on Sundays. On that day the library is open from 1300 to 2000. The library is easy to find as it is located downstairs, directly below the Ship's Service. Why don't you pay us a visit!

The WAVES First Glimpse of SLNH

One year ago, the 22nd of August, 15 WAVES reported aboard the S. S. San Leandro for duty. Fresh out of Corps School, they wondered, on their way up from San Diego, what the future held in store for them. The sight of the compound waaaaay up there on the mountain-top brought some 'ulps' and 'oohs' and not a few wails from the group. At that time, the road we use now was just a cement mixer's dream, so we came by the gate three road, which added to the general "F' Hevvinsake! We're MILES away from everything" attitude. The barracks were dark and dusty, and the paint barely dry, and the echoes resounding through the halls gave us the wim wams. We were greeted in the mess hall next a.m., but effusively, (yea verily!) by a lot of funny noises (ahem) and promptly lost our appetites for the next week, until the novelty wore off. However, the welcome mat was out, and everything was done for our comfort and well being, from living quarters to billets. One year later, the remaining eleven of the group speak for the rest of the WAVES in saying that we hope we have justified all hope and faith put in our abilities. It's been a good year, continuously interesting with good jobs, beautiful scenery, rec-



HERE'S JUST A FEW OF THE OLD TIMERS at San Leandro Naval Hospital. Top row, left to right: Lt. Theresa Duggan, Chief Nurse; Dr. Williams and "Bob" Haglund. In the triangle is Nurse LaRue and below are: Dr. Hibbard, Dr. Drees and "Dee" DeGrande.

The "Old Timers" Speak

If you reported to the San Leandro Naval Hospital during the past year, you probably found the "reporting in" procedure a relatively minor ordeal. The routine normally consists of a brief interview and the filling out of a few forms.

Those doctors, nurses, officers and corpsmen, however, who are today celebrating more than a year of duty at San Leandro, did not find matters quite so simplified upon their arrival. Before they could report to the Personnel Office they had to construct the Ad Building—practically. These "early settlers" found a partially completed hospital and a reservation which consisted of little more than mountain roads. MISS LARUE realized that—after she'd driven around the grounds in a taxi all night looking for the Nurses' Quarters that weren't there.

Before the fence was put up, our Hilltop was quite primitive. DOCTOR SEWALL broke one of his headlights and nearly ran over a deer outside of Gate No. 3. VERNE IVERSON and BILL PERKINS insist it was a mountain lion and not a pink elephant that roared at night and roamed the reservation during the day. JIM TUVEY and POP DARMS tried to discourage the visiting of some ten or twelve neighboring horses who thought the land around Ward No. 22 made nice grazing.

Then there was a certain amount of work to be done. A little help was needed in completing the construction of several buildings; all the hospital equipment had to be unloaded and set up. The "pioneers" rolled up their respective sleeves—and admit now that the work was fun. They like to remember... BOB JOHNSON, "LITTLE BROWNIE" and "W. C." LEEDY sleeping on security watch at night completely dressed, using mattresses

for blankets because there was no heat. "DEE" DE GRANDE, LOREN CAROL and fellow corpsmen securing all the linoleum to the hospital "decks"... FRED BRADLEY and part of his garden crew, BOB HAGLUND and FLIP BRAVARD, hauling dirt from the Zoo Gardens to begin the work they've never ceased nursing—the landscaping and the planting of grass and shrubbery on the hospital grounds... MISS BAHR and MISS CARMEL stamping all the linen and blankets; nurses washing windows and scraping down paint... DOCTOR MEADOR and MISS MESSER setting up "Fizzio"... CAPTAIN LOFTIN cutting red tape to procure equipment for Surgery and other technical departments... LIEUTENANT MORGAN reporting for "temporary duty" and then being persuaded to stay... DOCTOR DRISCOLL going faithfully to the tank for H2O and testing, testing, testing... DOCTOR COX, after a long work-day, making use of the mattresses piled in Ward 19 (then P & A)... The poison ivy outbreaks for those who helped put the fence up... DOCTOR WILLIAMS making bird-baths for the robins... DOCTOR TITLEY getting lost in fog regularly on his way to work... DOCTORS HUEBSCH and PETERSON collecting tooth grinders for their painless performances... P & A's MR. LOGAN and USNH San Leandro being commissioned on the same day.

There was plenty of "stevedoring" to be done—but not by the corpsmen alone. MISS DUGGAN watched the unloading one afternoon and called one of the more energetic workers aside. "Chief," she said "How about helping in the Nurses' Quarters this afternoon?" The Chief was most obliging and did a very nice job. Not until the next morning, upon reporting for duty, did Miss Duggan learn that her "Chief" was the Acting Chief of Surgery—DOCTOR DREES.

Joan Lupo

DIVINE SERVICES

Protestant

Lt. Gordon V. Tollefson, Chaplain.
Room 221, Ship Service Building, Phone 404.
Sunday services—Divine Worship, Theatre, 1000.
Matins—Monday, Wednesday and Friday, The Sanctuary, 0730.
The Sanctuary is located on the second deck of the Ship Service Building.
Morning Devotions — 0730, Monday through Friday, in the Sanctuary.
Holy Communion — 1230 and 1630, every Friday, Sanctuary.

Catholic

Lt. Edwin J. Paulmann, Chaplain
Room 227, Ship Service Building, Phone 405.
Services held in Catholic Chapel, west entrance, Administration building.
Sunday Masses—0645, 0930 and 1100.
Daily Mass—1630 except Saturday.
Saturday Mass—0645
Confessions heard before all Masses.

Jewish

Comdr. Cerf Straus, Chaplain.
Services held in Protestant chapel, second deck, Ship Service Building, each Tuesday at 1515.

Christian Science

War-time minister will be at Protestant chaplain's office, Room 221, Ship Service Building, each Monday at 1400 to interview and assist members of the Christian Science church.
L.D.S. Morman, Church coordinator at the SANCTUARY, second deck of Ship's Service Bldg., each Thursday at 1800 for services.

Davis Pitches a "No-Hit" Game

San Leandro tried out two new pitchers last week and found some outstanding talent in both—with one of the "hurlers," Davis, pitching a "no-hit" game!

Pitching against the Prunetti Builders' team, Davis of the Hilltoppers really shown on the mound by refusing the opponents so much as one hit! Both teams played good ball and the game was extremely close and hard fought. The Hilltoppers scored two runs in the third inning with Joy and Dusing crossing the home plate, but that ended the running for that game. The final score was 2-0, a victory for San Leandro.

In another game of that week the Hilltoppers played against Geo's Drug Company in the San Leandro Municipal League, with Clayton, a Hilltopper, on the mound. Clayton's pitching netted the opposing team only 4 hits and one run. Nearly all of the San Leandro team scored twice, and the field for hits was lead by Dusing. Tubbaugh, DeSimone and Clayton, with four runs each to their credit. The final tally showed more than an overwhelming victory, with the score in favor of the Hilltoppers, 27-1.

OUR HOSPITAL'S GROWTH

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corps of the Navy. Instead of caring for the sick, they became commuting gardeners, painters, carpenters, stevedores and general handymen.

They commuted because there were no quarters here for personnel except those who were on fire watch during the night. The majority of the corpsmen lived down the hill at Oak Knoll, climbing up the steep slopes each morning unless they were lucky enough to get a ride. Until the installation of the power plant at San Leandro, it was necessary for the staff to trudge up and down the hill for all their meals, which were eaten at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital. These rugged pioneers didn't worry about having an appetite in those days.

The first quarters here were in ward buildings, pending completion of the hospital corps quarters which finally were completed on August 5. The Nurses arrived early in July, and at first, they too, had been housed temporarily on wards before moving into their permanent quarters.

Gradually the hospital took form. With every ward linked together by an enclosed corridor, the San Leandro Naval Hospital differs structurely from the usual type of naval hospital. These long corridors, .6 of a mile in length, have proven especially beneficial during the long rainy season for sheltering purposes. They also provide a beautiful view of the San Francisco Bay—really a lovely sight to behold.

Commissioning Day Arrives

The important day arrived—August 15, 1944. This was commissioning day. One year ago today, the San Leandro Naval Hospital officially came into being. A commissioning ceremony was held in the plaza in front of the Administration Building, with the nurses, officers and corpsmen in formation. Noticeably absent were the WAVES—

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



August 1944

Aug. 15—Commissioning Day. First issue of San Leandro Naval Hospital News. First Staff Dance.

Aug. 16—First patient arrives, Richard F. Alf, EM 3c. First man detached, CPhM Boles.

Aug. 22—First WAVE arrives.

September

Sept. 8—Softball team plays first game and loses to Oak Knoll 4-3.

Sept. 15—Red Cross activities launched.

October

Oct. 10—Golf Tournament for patients begins.

Oct. 12—Kay Kyser and His Band appears here.

Oct. 13—Carl Friden, a San Leandro businessman, donates furniture, for the Reception Hall.

Oct. 29—WAVES' Boat Trip on Bay.

November

Nov. 4—Vincent Lopez dedicates broadcast in honor of the hospital.

Nov. 9—Broadway Show, "Three is a Family" plays here.

Nov. 17—World's Champion Pocket Billiard Player, Andrew Ponzi, visits here.

Gray Ladies' Capping ceremony.

Nov. 27—Swimming Pool opens.

Nov. 29—"Colors" were presented to hospital by the Oakland American Legion.

December

Dec. 1-7—First Bond Sales Campaign here.

Dec. 1—Hospital enters 12th N.D. Basketball League.

Dec. 15—Captain Marsteller takes over command, relieving Captain McDaniel.

May

May 18—Helen Hayes appears with cast, "Charlie's Aunt."

May 30—Memorial Day—Cakes given to hospital by students of Frick Junior High School.

June

June 3—Cigarette Rationing goes into effect.



July

July 30—WAVES Third Anniversary—Celebration Dance.

July 31—Hospital's Softball team wins First Trophy!

August

Aug. 15—Hospital's First Birthday. Newspaper's First Birthday.

Dec. 25—Christmas Day—Special menu and entertainment.

January 1945

Jan. 14—March of Dimes campaign held.

February

Feb. 19—Sophie Tucker appears here in person.

Feb. 24-25—WAVES go on week-end trip to the mountains.

March

Mar. 11—Musical Recital by Charles Eiferle and John Metcalf, staff men.

Mar. 30—Joe E. Brown appears here.

April

Apr. 1—WAVES Chorus makes first appearance on Easter Sunday.

Apr. 12—Admiral's Inspection—Rear Ad. Edgar L. Woods.

Apr. 20—Softball Season opens—SLNH vs. USNH, Shoemaker.

Apr. 20—Captain Kennedy takes over command, relieving Captain Marsteller.



June 9—Personnel Picnic at Joaquin Miller Park.

who had not as yet arrived at this station. Captain F. L. McDaniel officially accepted the first command of this station. Then the first citations were presented to three staff members, namely: Comdr. Edson H. Steele, Lieut. Gordon V. Tollefson, our present Protestant chaplain, and to Lt. Comdr. Lawler Drees, one of our present medical officers. Among the notables visiting here on Commissioning Day were Rear Admirals Edgar L. Woods and Daniel Hunt, and the prominent Navy wives, Mrs. Edgar Woods, Mrs. Daniel Hunt and Mrs. Chester Nimitz. That afternoon a luncheon dance was held in the Theatre and in the evening a big staff dance climaxed the day's events.

Today we find ourselves celebrating our first birthday with a staff of approximately 1,000 people and with a patient personnel of about 1400. Not only has the staff increased immensely during this past year, but each department can enumerate many changes that have taken place in their units as they grew. The appearance of the hospital has likewise changed—

having now acquired a "homey" atmosphere with all its green hills, bright flowers and weathered appearance. No longer do the people who live here look upon SLNH as that barren, muddy, hillside hospital, but rather we're proud of our country mansion. It's smallness in size is the exact cue

to its friendly atmosphere and pleasantness. Ask any of the personnel now how they like this place, and I guarantee a unanimous vote would be cast in favor of "good ol' San Leandro"—with enthusiasm plus! This is our Navy Home—and we're mighty proud of it!

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